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EXAMINER: **FRIEND, THF**  
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TITLE: **Mutations in a Novel  
Photoreceptor-Pineal Gene on 17p  
Cause Leber Congenital Amaurosi (LCA4)**

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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH SEQUENCE RULES**

Dear Sir:

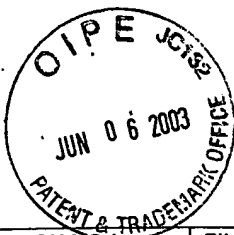
The Applicant hereby responds to the **Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules of June 2003** and submits the following documents:

- (1) **Copy of Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules - sequences on page 49 Table 1 – Please that 10 additional sequences are presented bearing Seq. Nos. 79-88 which are to be appended to the previously submitted sequences 1-78 - Please also note that the features have been changed from exon and intron to misc\_feature to avoid the presentation of the sequences as a codon sequence;**
- (2) **A Substitute Paper "Supplemental Sequence Listing" and an identical "Sequence Listing" in computer readable, generated by the PatentIn 3.1 Software and check by Check 3.0; and a statement of identity of sequences.**
- (4) **Post Card.**

Respectfully submitted,

Date: **June 6, 2003**

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Applicant's Raw Sequence Listing and CRF submitted on 12 December 2002 have been received but the application is not in conformance with the sequence rules for the following reasons:

Please see the attached Raw Sequence Listing Error Report.


Applicant is given ONE MONTH, or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter within which to comply with the sequence rules, 37 CAR1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CAR1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CAR1.136(a). In no case may an applicant extend the period for reply beyond the SIX MONTH statutory period as measured from the first Letter sent 20 November 2002.

Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the reply.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Friend, tel. (703) 308-4548. The examiner's schedule is normally four, ten-hour days per week including Saturdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, contact the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang, tel. (703) 306-3217. The FAX phone number for group 1600 is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of the application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

Tomas Friend, Ph.D.  
26 April 2003

  
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